

## JOINT INFORMATION CENTER COVID-19



## **News Release**

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## Pfizer Boosters of COVID-19 Vaccine Authorized for Some Adults

**Frederick, MD** – The CDC and FDA have given emergency use authorization for a single booster dose of Pfizer BioNTech COVID-19 vaccine for people who have previously received Pfizer vaccine who are:

- Individuals 65 years of age and older and all residents of long term care facilities (Pfizer recipients only, at least 6 months after 2nd dose);
- Individuals 18-64 years with <u>underlying medical conditions</u> (Pfizer recipients only, at least 6 months after 2nd dose)
- Individuals 18-64 years who are at increased risk of COVID-19 because of their workplace or institutional setting (Pfizer recipients only, at least 6 months after 2nd dose)

Pfizer boosters are only available for individuals who received Pfizer vaccine for their first two doses. Booster doses must be at least six months after second dose. Individuals will need to self-attest that they are in one of the categories listed above. No additional proof is needed.

**Important note!** You do not need to go back to the same vaccination clinic where you received your first and second doses to get your booster.

Vaccine is readily available in the community in walk-in and appointment required clinics.

- Go to https://www.vaccines.gov/ for pharmacies and other locations.
- Frederick County Health Department vaccination clinics will begin offering Pfizer boosters to eligible individuals today (Friday, September 24, 2021). Go to <u>our website</u> for upcoming health department vaccination clinics. Walk-ins will be taken as supply allows.
- For help scheduling an appointment, call 855-MDGoVax or 855-634-6829 between 7am and 10pm, seven days a week. Local help is also available at 301-600-7900.

Individuals who received Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccine are not currently eligible to receive a booster vaccination. FDA and CDC are actively working to provide guidance on this issue and updates will be shared as more information is made available. People who are <u>immunocompromised</u> are still eligible for a 3<sup>rd</sup> dose of Moderna or Pfizer vaccine.

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